# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:253
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UTILISATION OF SPECTRUM
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has proposed to enforce more accountability on the Spectrum allotted to PSUs and the Government Departments at no cost or at a very low cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether TRAI has observed that the Spectrum allotted to PSUs and the Government Departments are not fully utilized and remain idle;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 253 FOR 3RD DECEMBER, 2007 REGARDING UTILISATION OF SPECTRUM.

(a) to (d) TRAI, in its recent recommendations on "Review of license terms and conditions and capping of number of access providers" dated August 28, 2007 has observed, among others, that presently, large parts of the spectrum have been set aside for use by public sector (e.g. government departments, state-owned enterprises, military). Subjecting public spectrum use to market discipline can result in widespread efficiency gains within and beyond the public sector, etc.

(e) Government has already initiated action to get the spectrum required for mobile services and Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) released from Defence and PSUs. Further, spectrum charges are levied to all PSUs and Government Department/Organizations with a view to ensuring efficient and optimal usages of spectrum allotted to them.